CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA
REGULAR MEETING

MARCH 2, 2010

INVOCATION:
Sr. Associate Pastor Joe Hunt of Pacific Christian Church gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG:
Cub Scout Pack #91 and Girl Scout Troop #973 led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CALL TO ORDER:
Mayor Lavagnino called the Regular Meeting of the City Council to order at 6:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL:
MEMBERS PRESENT
Councilmembers Cordero, Orach, Patino, Zacarías, and Mayor Lavagnino.

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT
City Manager Ness, City Attorney Trujillo, Assistant City Manager Haydon, Director of Community Development Appel, Acting Fire Chief Jones, Director of Utilities Sweet, Director of Public Works/City Engineer Whitehead, Director of Administrative Services Visé, Director of Recreation and Parks Posada, Police Chief Macagni, and Chief Deputy City Clerk Perez.

PROCLAMATION – ARBOR DAY
Councilmember Patino read a proclamation declaring Sunday, March 7, 2010, as "Arbor Day" in the City of Santa Maria, and encouraging community members to plant a tree in observance of Arbor Day 2010 or to make donations throughout the year to the Recreation and Parks Department's "Tree of Life" Program in order to help regenerate the City's urban forest. The proclamation was accepted by Patty Ellis, Special District Planning Technician.

PROCLAMATION – BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA DAY
Councilmember Orach read a proclamation declaring "Boy Scouts of America Day" in the City of Santa Maria in celebration of the 100th Anniversary of Scouting. The proclamation was accepted by Laurie Tamura, Executive Board Member of the Los Padres Council.

PUBLIC COMMENT
Tom Davidson spoke about the secret meetings he heard the Council had regarding the gang issue. He said the Council was not listening to the majority of the public regarding requiring businesses to use E-verify.

Teresa Menchaca, Fighting Back Santa Maria Valley, commended the Council for its support of the Fighting Back Santa Maria Valley Coalition. She reported that last Saturday there were over 70 youth who got together to help develop the Strategic Prevention Framework regarding the drug and alcohol issues in the community. These youth really want to make changes in the community.

Dawnette Smith, Fighting Back Santa Maria Valley, talked about the new Class Action Program in the high schools to fight underage drinking.

Ernest Armenta spoke regarding City employees' pay cuts and made several suggestions on how the City could increase General Fund revenues.

Larry Bargenquast spoke about the E-verify program, a recent article in the newspaper, and the companies in Santa Maria currently using E-verify.

Paula James also spoke about the E-verify program.

CONSENT CALENDAR
Consent Calendar Items A through E were approved on motion by Councilmember Orach, seconded by Councilmember Patino, and carried on the following vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Cordero, Orach, Patino, Zacarías, and Mayor Lavagnino
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

A. ORDINANCES
The reading in full of all ordinances and resolutions was waived. Ordinances on the Consent Calendar were adopted by the same vote cast at the first reading unless City Council indicated otherwise.

B. MINUTES
The Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of February 16, 2010, were approved as submitted.

D. WARRANTS
Warrant Nos. 156896 to 157217 totaling $2,188,862.71 were ordered ratified subject to having been certified as being in conformity with the budget and having been approved for payment by the Director of Administrative Services. Warrant No. 156526 was cancelled.

E. PAYROLL
Payment of payroll was ordered ratified subject to having been certified by the proper Department Heads, as shown on records on file in the Department of Administrative Services and having been approved for payment by the Director of Administrative Services.

F. ENTERTAINMENT LICENSE
Resolution No. 2010-25 was adopted approving an entertainment license for La Cascada Restaurant at 229 Town Center West to allow entertainment in the form of Mariachi and live music, dancing, and occasional special events, Karaoke, and dance instruction.

Resolution No. 2010-25 adopted. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING AN ENTERTAINMENT LICENSE FOR LA CASCADA RESTAURANT.

FEDERAL STIMULUS UPDATE AND AWARD OF BID FOR FEDERAL STIMULUS OVERLAY PROJECT #1.
Director of Public Works/City Engineer Whitehead gave the staff report. One year has passed since President Obama signed the $787 billion American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA), on February 17, 2009. The City of Santa Maria will receive $14,720,981 in ARRA funds for projects and programs in eight categories, including transportation and transit projects, two future fire stations, energy efficiency, law enforcement, and homelessness prevention services. Separately, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers was awarded full funding of $40.231 million in April 2009 for the Santa Maria River Levee Improvement Project. The City's diligent lobbying efforts significantly contributed to securing that important funding.

In the first year of the ARRA program, the City has made significant progress toward completing projects so that Federal funding may be invoiced and received. The City is proceeding with eight transportation projects totaling $7.1 million in ARRA funds. These include two asphalt overlay projects on various City streets, three concrete repair and ADA ramp projects, construction of the future Santa Maria Intermodal Transit Center, and the purchase of two SMAT fixed route buses and five ADA paratransit vans. The City has received authorization to proceed from Caltrans for all five road and concrete projects. Three have been awarded, one is the subject of City Council action tonight, and the final project is scheduled for award on April 6, 2010. Once work begins, the

City will submit invoices and will be reimbursed with ARRA funds. Local contractors have successfully won the first four of these projects.

Through February 23, 2010, the City has received $31,569 for the Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program. This is the first of $521,839 to be secured and distributed over three years to five local agencies to help individuals and families. More than 200 individuals to-date have received assistance through this new funding. In addition, a grant agreement was issued to the City on December 30, 2009, for the Neighborhood Stabilization Project. Funds can be used to address problems associated with foreclosed properties and the neighborhood blight that can result.

The City has also received $85,808 to-date from the Edward Byrne Justice Assistance Grant (JAG). Funding is being used to fund one police officer for two years. Stimulus money is already paying for one police officer, whose position was previously funded by State funding that has since been eliminated. The remaining $164,132 will be invoiced quarterly until the grant is completed.

The City has submitted an application for $826,000 in ARRA funds for an energy efficiency project to reduce electrical utility costs and improve lighting levels at its Town Center parking structure adjacent to Cook Street. The design documents are nearly completed, and bidding is expected in the Spring with construction occurring in Summer 2010.

Additionally, the City secured competitive ARRA grants in the amount of $4.368 million for construction of two new fire stations. Community Development Block Grant funds of $341,281 will also be used for this construction. Designs are complete, and these facilities are to be built on City-owned land. The City has three years to build these fire stations. The NEPA environmental document process for the northwest station at Preisker Park should be completed by Spring, and construction is expected to begin this Summer. The northeast fire station will start construction in approximately two years, with an expected completion date of September 2012. These new fire stations will improve emergency response times to some of the busiest areas of the City.

The Army Corp of Engineers has been allocated $40 million of Federal Stimulus Funds for improvements to the Santa Maria Levee from Blosser Road to the Bradley Canyon Confluence. Phase one is from Blosser Road to the Suey Crossing Bridge. The improvements consist of construction of an 8-ft wide and 30-ft deep compacted soil cement section next to the existing Levee. The low bid was $10.03 million by R. Williams Construction from Lompoc. This phase has started work by clearing and grubbing along the existing Levee. The construction work on the Levee will begin on April 1, 2010, with an anticipated completion date of January 2011. Phase two is from Suey Crossing Bridge to Bradley Canyon Confluence. This project adds 1,700 ft of steel sheet pile along the levee at the upstream end of the soil cement levee portion. The low bid was $11.75 million by Wood Brothers from Lemoore, California. Construction start or completion dates have not been announced for this Phase.

Also, tonight the Council is requested to award the bid and approve a contract with CalPortland Construction for Federal Stimulus Overlay Project #1, Bid No. 2010/05. This project consists of the overlay of various roadway segments identified in need of overlay treatment. The roads include segments along Alvin Avenue, Donovan Road, Black Road, Thornburg Street, and Battles Road. Included with the overlay of these roadway segments will be miscellaneous concrete repairs. The project also includes the reconstruction of Main Street along the landfill frontage, and a bid alternate to place a fog seal on Philbric Road. Both of these items are required by the Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Santa Maria and the County of Santa Barbara which facilitated the hauling of landfill cover material over County maintained road systems. Federal stimulus funding will provide 100 percent of funds for the project with no local match required. Seven bids were received with CalPortland Construction being the low bidder.

Mayor Lavagnino stated he heard that the Army Corps of Engineers wanted to extend the work on the levee to the east. He asked if staff knew how far they wanted to extend it.

Director of Utilities Sweet stated the Army Corps was proposing to extend up Bradley Channel to the east of Reach 3 by 2,800 feet with sheet pile. The Corps indicated that was necessary to save the City from a 100-year event.

Councilmember Orach asked how the Santa Maria River was holding up with all the rain.

Director Sweet responded that it was holding up well and believed the channel would contain flows up to 10,000 cubic feet per second. There has only been about 2,000 cubic feet per second flowing through it so far.

Councilmember Patino asked how many buses the City would be receiving and how much each bus cost. She asked how long the City kept its buses and what happened to the old buses.

Director Whitehead stated the City would be getting two buses and five vans. Buses cost approximately $350,000 each. The depreciable life of a bus was about 12 years. The buses would be surplused, and the City would try to find a new home for them.

Ernest Armenta stated part of the stimulus funds was to provide jobs for local contractors, but some of the subcontractors listed in the bid were from outside the City. He also asked who decided what street segments were included in the overlay projects. He mentioned several locations where repairs were needed. He said the City really needed to use more Santa Maria businesses.

Dave Whitehead explained that the City awarded the bid to the lowest responsible bidder; however, the City had no control over, or contractual relationship with, the subcontractors the low bidder used. He explained that the Public Works Department spent a considerable amount of time identifying the condition of sidewalks, curbs and gutters, spandrels, handicapped ramps, and such. All of that information was kept in a database that was utilized to schedule all the infrastructure improvement projects. For the asphalt overlay projects, the recommendations come from the City's Pavement Management System based on inspections by City staff.

On motion by Councilmember Patino, seconded by Councilmember Orach, and carried on the following vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Cordero, Orach, Patino, Zacarías, and Mayor Lavagnino
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

the Federal Stimulus Status Report was received and filed and Resolution No. 2010-26 was adopted awarding the bid and approving a contract with CalPortland Construction for Federal Stimulus Overlay Project #1, Bid No. 2010/05.

Resolution No. 2010-26 adopted. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING A CONTACT WITH CALPORTLAND CONSTRUCTION FOR FEDERAL STIMULUS OVERLAY PROJECT #1, BID NO. 2010/05.

Councilmember Zacarías asked for a report identifying which streets in the City were still without sidewalks.

Director Whitehead explained there were quite a few areas throughout the City where there were inadequate frontage improvements. Some of the areas were undeveloped lots and some were in older parts of the City where the sidewalks were never built. The City did receive funding from time to time to install new sidewalks such as the Safe

Routes to School project completed last year. The priority needed to be maintaining the existing infrastructure because when tripping hazards occurred, people could get hurt.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT
City Manager Ness reported on anticipated items for the March 16, 2010, City Council meeting including a 2010-12 Budget Preview and Priority Setting Workshop and a presentation on the 2010 Census.

ORAL REPORTS BY COUNCILMEMBERS
Councilmember Cordero reported he attended the Highway 166 Safety Committee Meeting, a United Way Meeting, a Rotary Breakfast Meeting, Star Talks at El Camino School, and read at Taylor Elementary School for Read Across America Day. On February 24th, he went with Utilities Director Sweet to Washington, D.C. to meet with representatives of the Army Corps of Engineers, representatives from Senator Feinstein's, Senator Boxer's, and Congresswoman Capps' offices, as well as the Department of Justice.

Councilmember Patino reported she attended the Central Coast Business Symposium, the Minuteman Civil Defense Corps meeting, the Santa Maria High School Parent-Teacher Night, served dinner at the Good Samaritan Shelter, attended the Water Quality Control Board meeting, a Budget Committee meeting at Santa Maria High School, the Pioneer High School Teen Imagine National Assembly, a Peace Week Committee meeting, the Fighting Back Santa Maria Valley Strategic Prevention Framework, and the Tepusquet Bridge Dedication.

Mayor Lavagnino reported he attended the Joint Santa Maria Public Airport District and City of Santa Maria meeting, the Santa Barbara County Association of Governments meeting, a pancake breakfast benefiting the Santa Maria Apostolic Church, the Central Coast Water Authority meeting, the Santa Maria High School Teen Imagine National Assembly, and read at Taylor Elementary School and Adam Elementary School for Read Across America Day.

Councilmember Zacarías reported she also read at Taylor Elementary School, spent three days in Sacramento for work and presented at the Partnership for Excellence Conference in Santa Barbara.

Councilmember Orach reported he attended the Joint Santa Maria Public Airport District and City of Santa Maria meeting, the Central Coast Business Symposium, a bike race at Cal Poly, VTC Awards Program, met with Willie Galvan and Rocky Chavez regarding an upcoming event for Veterans, attended the Righetti High School Teen Imagine Assembly, a kickoff dinner for Young Life, the Economic Development Manufacturing Committee luncheon, and the Pioneer Valley High School Teen Imagine Assembly.

ADJOURNMENT
There being no further business to come before the City Council at this time, the meeting was declared adjourned at 7:55 p.m. by Mayor Lavagnino.

APPROVED

March 16, 2010
Date

Patricia Alberes
Chief Deputy City Clerk of the City of Santa Maria and ex officio Clerk of the City Council

ATTEST

Patricia Alberes
Chief Deputy City Clerk

S. Lavagnino
Mayor of the City of Santa Maria